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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY CLAIM

Applicants note that the Office Action issued on August 26, 2010 does not indicate that the certified copy of the priority document has been received. Attached hereto is a copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application dated March 16, 2007 indicating that a copy of the Priority document filed on July 12, 2007 has been received by the US Patent & Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the certified priority document and forward such indication to Applicants.

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